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Dear Dr. Simon:

The AAALAC International Council on Accreditation has reviewed the report of the recent site visit to the Ernest Orlando Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Berkeley, California. The Council commends you and the staff for providing and maintaining an exemplary program of laboratory animal care and use. Especially noteworthy were the dedicated, highly motivated and very knowledgeable animal care staff; the exemplary veterinary medical care program, as evidenced by the health and well-being of the animals; the well-educated and committed members of the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC), all of whom were highly involved in the semiannual inspection process; the well integrated environmental safety and health management plan and the engaged Division of Environmental Health and Safety which helped the institution achieve its commitment to perform work safely with the utmost degree of protection for all employees; and the high level of commitment to the animal program shown by upper administration. The Council is pleased to inform you that the program conforms with AAALAC International standards as set forth by the *Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals*, NRC 2011. Therefore, **FULL ACCREDITATION** shall continue.

Council acknowledges receipt of the correspondence dated March 4, 2016 detailing actions taken relative to concerns expressed by the site visitors during the exit briefing. Specifically, the items addressed satisfactorily included: evaluating the effectiveness of cage lids sanitation after two or four weeks of use; and providing training to the IACUC and guidance for researchers regarding the justification for the number of animals in protocols.

Council has no further recommendations to offer for improvement of the animal care and use program at this time. We look forward to following your program activities and wish you continued success.

AAALAC International requires an Annual Report detailing changes made during the year in accredited units. In the interim, AAALAC International expects to be apprised in a timely manner of significant programmatic changes or concerns should they occur. Please note that, at your request, AAALAC International will provide your institution with a separate letter simply verifying that your animal care and use program is accredited. Should you also wish to distribute an electronic copy of this letter to program staff, a Portable Document Format (pdf) version will be sent upon request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "James R. Swearingen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" being the most prominent.

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